

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

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2. AMBASSADOR TOLD ABDULLAH THAT HE AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IN KABUL ARE UNEASY ABOUT LACK ACTION BY NEW REGIME IN APPOINTING NEW GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING MINISTRIES WITH POLICY DIRECTION, AND THAT THEY BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DISUNITY AT TOP LEVEL. ABDULLAH GAVE WEAK DENIAL OF DISUNITY WHICH SOUNDED ALMOST

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SUBJ : FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT

EXDIS REVIEW

Est. A

Capton renewed

transferred to O/FADRC

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Transferred to O/FADRC

with additional access

controlled by S/S

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with NEW GOVERNMENT

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3. LATER IN DAY, AMBASSADOR MET WITH DR. KARIM (AT LATTER'S REQUEST). KARIM SAID HE SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT. HE SAID PRESIDENT WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR HE IS NOT SPEAKING TO AMBASSADOR NEUMANN AS AMBASSADOR OR DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, BUT AS FRIEND OF AFGHANISTAN. HE SAID NEW REGIME IS EXTREMELY ALARMED ABOUT TALK FROM ABROAD, ESPECIALLY IRAN, PAKISTAN AND UK (BBC) THAT THIS WAS A "RED COUP" AND THAT AFGHANISTAN WAS NOW MORE SUBJECT TO SOVIET DIRECTION. KARIM ASKED AMBASSADOR HIS ADVICE AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE.

4. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT WHILE HE COULD OFFER HIS ADVICE AS FRIEND OF AFGHANISTAN AND POLITICAL SCIENTIST, HE COULD ONLY REPORT TO AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS OWN GOVERNMENT; BUT IF NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IS WORRIED ABOUT FEARS AND ALLEGATIONS OF IRANIANS AND PAKS, IT SHOULD SPEAK TO THEIR AMBASSADORS. AMBASSADOR ADVISED THAT NOTHING NEW GOVERNMENT SAID WOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO THOSE WHO ALREADY CONVINCED THAT AFGHANISTAN, WHOSE ARMY SUPPLIED AND TRAINED BY USSR, IS UNDER INFLUENCE OF

CONFIRMATION. AMBASSADOR HAD PREPARED A PAGE SIXTY PAPER (PREPARED BY AMBASSY AND HAD TO) IDENTIFY THE DIRECT ECONOMIC LOSSES TO AFGHANISTAN FROM SUCH TREATIES (E.G. TOWNSHIP, SOVIET GAS PURCHASE PRICE INCREASE, REPORTS OF GOING FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CUSTOMS AND PRIVATE FOREIGN/DOMESTIC INVESTMENTS). ABBULLAH APPEARED IMPRESSED WITH THIS PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO PRESIDENT BABA.

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5. WAHID ABDULLAH, WHO JOINED CONVERSATION LATER, REPORTED PRESIDENT DAUD VERY IMPRESSED WITH AMBASSADOR'S EARLIER PRESENTATION (ON ECONOMIC LOSSES) AND SAID HE HOPED NEW REGIME WOULD BEGIN TO FUNCTION AT EARLY DATE.

6. REGARDING ROYAL FAMILY DEPARTURE YESTERDAY, KARIM SAID DAUD VERY PERSONALLY MOVED. HE SAID PRESIDENT CONVINCED THATMAN REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS PREVIOUS REGIME WAS SARDAR ABDUL WALI. HE SAID ABDUL WALI HAD MANIPULATED KING, TURNED HIM AGAINST HIS SONS, AND PREVENTED RECONCILIATION WITHIN FAMILY. HE FURTHER SAID THAT WHEN ABDUL WALI'S HOUSE WAS SEARCHED, A COUP PLAN WAS DISCOVERED. AMBASSADOR SAID WHOM NEW REGIME ARRESTS IS INTERNAL MATTER BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR ABDUL WALI'S FATHER, MARSHAL SHAH WALI. KARIM SAID MARSHAL HAD REFUSED TO LEAVE (UNTIL SON'S FATE DETERMINED) AND ASSURED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE ARE WELL AND LIVING AT PRIME MINISTRY COMPOUND.

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